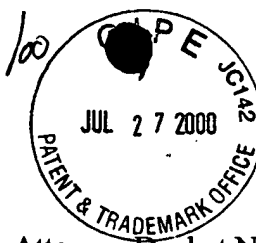


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Attorney Docket No.: 17634-000512US

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Brian R. Murphy, et al.

Application No.: 09/444,067

Filed: November 19, 1999

For: PRODUCTION OF ATTENUATED  
RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS  
VACCINES FROM CLONED  
NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES

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The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(d), copies of the references can be found in Application No. 08/892,403, filed July 15, 1997 (Attorney Docket No. 17634-000510US) unless otherwise indicated. Applicants respectfully request that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

It is further requested that the disclosure and claims presently or subsequently presented in the following, copending U.S. Patent Applications, as well as any related applications now or subsequently claiming priority to one or more of the following U.S. Patent

Applications, be expressly considered and made of record in the instant case as potentially disclosing or claiming subject matter material to examination of the present application.

U.S. Patent Application No. 08/039,945, filed on 04/09/93, by Murphy et al.;

U.S. Patent Application No. 08/453,304, filed on 05/30/95, by Murphy et al.;

U.S. Patent Application No. 08/720,132, filed on 09/27/96, by Collins, Peter;

U.S. Patent No. 5,882,651, issued on 03/16/99, to Murphy. et al.;

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/291,894, filed on 04/13/99, by Collins, et al.;

U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/129,006, filed on 04/13/99, by  
Murphy et al.;

U.S. Patent No. 5,922,326, issued on 07/13/99, to Murphy, Brian.;

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/444,221, filed on 11/19/99, by Murphy et al.;

U.S. Patent No. 5,993,824, issued on 11/30/99, to Murphy et al.;

U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/213,708, filed on 06/23/00, by  
Kremple et al.;

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/602,212, filed on 06/23/00, by Buchholz et al.;

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/611,829, filed on 07/07/00, by Collins, Peter;

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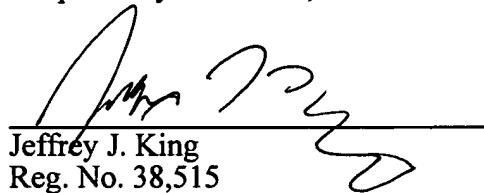
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